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NOTE FOR: The Director

FROM: Dave Gries *DG*

SUBJECT: Your October 8th Testimony on Defectors before
Nunn Subcommittee

I have attached a copy of a note I sent you previously concerning your testimony on non-intelligence defectors before Senator Nunn's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee.

The hearing is set for next Thursday, 8 October, at 9:30 a.m.. Jim McCollough and I would like to meet with you briefly this Friday, 2 October, at 10:00 a.m. to review the direction you wish to pursue.

We would then schedule a more substantive session for early next week to review the testimony and supporting materials and to make an expert audience available to you to answer questions.

Attachment

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OCA 87-3619
20 August 1987

NOTE FOR: The Director
FROM: Dave Gries
SUBJECT: Senate Select Subcommittee on Investigations Hearings
on Defectors

Previously we discussed Senator Nunn's request for your testimony at a public hearing of his Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. Senator Nunn wants you to discuss unclassified aspects of the handling of refugees and also of the handling of defectors who do not qualify for Intelligence Community support. He is interested in hearing your testimony because of your current position at CIA and your previous position at the FBI.

We have labored unsuccessfully for two months to convince Subcommittee staff that CIA is only a bystander and not a direct participant in the affairs of those organizations--the Tolstoy Foundation, the Jamestown Foundation, to name the two best known--committed to the support and resettlement of refugees and defectors. These lengthy negotiations yielded a more satisfactory definition of what the Subcommittee would like you to talk about, but also produced a second invitation from Senator Nunn for your public testimony. The hearing will probably take place in late September or October.

Given Senator Nunn's interest, I believe you should accept, even though it is highly unusual for a Director of Central Intelligence to testify in public. Director Casey did so only once and then only to speak in support of an Intelligence Museum. Our records are not perfect for other directors, but there is no known instance of additional public testimony except during the investigations of the mid-1970s. Since previous directors have refused in anticipation of being asked classified questions, Senator Nunn's invitation places us in uncharted waters, the subject being unclassified. Unless you advise to the contrary, we will begin shaping testimony.